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SUBJECT: NGUZA VISIT

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1. REPORT OF NGUZA VISIT REFTEL VERY USEFUL. AMBASSADOR AND SENATOR BARTLETT MET FEBRUARY 3 WITH BISENGIMANA, WHO HAD HIMSELF GOTTEN FEEDBACK FROM NGUZA--PROBABLY VIA MOBUTU. BARTLETT TOLD BISENGIMANA THAT THE IDEA OF SENDING NGUZA, CHONA, USHER (AND SOMEONE FROM SENEGAL?) WAS JUST THE RIGHT THING. BISENGIMANA REPLIED THAT MOBUTU CONSIDERED NGUZA VISIT TO BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT--ZAIRE'S LAST CHANCE TO EXPLAIN IMPORTANCE OF ANGOLA AND NEED TO BUTTRESS ZAIRE'S ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SECURITY.

2. BISENGIMANA AWARE OF GARBA LOBBYING AND OF FACT THAT HE WILL SEE THE SECRETARY. IN THIS CONNECTION, BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT NGUZA SEE THE SECRETARY BEFORE GARBA. SENATOR BARTLETT WAS NOT RECEIVED BY MOBUTU, AND WE SUSPECT THIS IS BECAUSE NGUZA NOT YET SCHEDULED WITH EITHER THE SECRETARY OR THE PRESIDENT.

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